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U.S. Serial No.: 10/525,096	Examiner:
International Application No. : PCT/JP03/10047	
Filed: 2/18/2005	
Title: <i>Preventive Therapeutic Composition for Muscular Fatigue, Pulled Muscle and Disease Attributed Thereto</i>	Atty. Docket No.: SDF 05-3

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

This is a request for a corrected filing receipt for U.S. Serial No. 10/525,096 (International application no. PCT/JP03/10047). The items listed below should have the following filing dates:

February 18, 2005:

- Copy of the International Application
- English Translation of the IA
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Copy of IPE Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Request for Immediate Examination
- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Documents
- Specification
- Claims
- Abstracts
- Drawings

November 18, 2005:

- Oath or Declaration
- Power of Attorney

Enclosed is a copy of the Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.10(c) supporting the filing date of the items listed above on February 18, 2005 and a copy of the USPTO stamped postcard supporting the filing date of the items listed above on November 18, 2005.

Date: 2/7/06

Respectfully submitted,

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Application No. 10/525,096	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/JP03/10047	:	
Int. Filing Date: 07 August 2003	:	PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 21 August 2002	:	
Atty. Docket No.: JP-A0330-AM	:	37 CFR 1.10(c)
For: Preventive Therapeutic Composition	:	
For Muscular Fatigue, Pulled Muscle	:	
And Disease Attributed Thereto	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under Rule 181 and 182" filed on 19 July 2005, which is being treated under 37 CFR 1.10(c).

### **BACKGROUND**

This international application was filed on 07 August 2003, claimed an earliest priority date of 21 August 2002, and designated the U.S. The International Bureau communicated a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 04 March 2004. The 30 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 22 February 2005 (since 21 February 2005 was a holiday).

On 12 July 2005, a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was mailed to applicants, requiring the submission of an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) and a surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e).

### **DISCUSSION**

Counsel requests "that the National Stage filing date" of this application "be changed from February 22, 2005 to February 18, 2005" on the basis of Express Mail evidence. The correspondence in question, including *inter alia* the Transmittal Letter, the basic national fee, and the English translation of the international application, were accorded a receipt date of 22 February 2005, rather than the 18 February 2005 "filing date" requested by counsel. Under 37 CFR 1.10(c), where a discrepancy can be shown between the filing date accorded to correspondence by the USPTO and the date of deposit as shown as the "date-in" on the "Express Mail" mailing label or other USPS notation, the Commissioner may be petitioned to accord the correspondence a filing date as of the "date-in" or other official USPS notation. The instant petition complies with 37 CFR 1.10(c)(1).

The petition complies with 37 CFR 1.10(c)(2) because an Express Mail mailing label number, EO907648960US, was recorded on a "Certificate of Mailing By 'Express Mail' (37 CFR 1.10)" accompanying the correspondence in question. The original copy of this "Certificate..." is

present in the application file, and it itemizes "the following correspondence: National Stage Application, IDS, Check for \$1050, Preliminary Amendment."


The petition also complies with 37 CFR 1.10(c)(3). Counsel has provided a copy of a "CUSTOMER Online Record" which is formatted as an "Express Mail" mailing label and which bears a "Date-In" of "2 18 05." It is not clear whether this "date-in" was entered by a USPS employee. However, the USPS "Track & Confirm" Web page indicates that the "Express Mail" parcel in question was "Enroute, February 18, 2005, 5:30 pm, DULLES, VA 20102." In view of the totality of this evidence, it would be appropriate to conclude that the correspondence in question was in fact deposited with the USPS as "Express Mail" on 18 February 2005.

### CONCLUSION

The petition is GRANTED to the extent described above.

This application is being returned to the National Stage Processing Branch for further processing. The period for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on 12 July 2005, and extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a), continues to run.



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Transmittal Letter-1 sheet

Executed Declaration -2sheets

Notification of Missing Requirements- 2 Sheets

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